y>th June RUMOURS.

The Secretary and many of the Council are said to be inclined for peace with Spain, but have not of late had any conference on the matter A messenger is come from the agents who were here for the Archduke bringing letters for her Majesty and Mr Secretary about further parley, but their forwardness seems to make us more backward than we should otherwise be Our resolution is supposed to depend much on the success of the Irish wars and the Hollanders* navy, concerning which are many reports, as that they have had ill-success both by tempest and encounter with the Spanish armada, then to have taken the spoil of Lisbon and then Cadiz

As for Irish affairs, it is forbidden to speak or write of them , what is brought by the post is known only to the Council, but it is very sure that Tyrone's party hath prevailed most. My Lord of Essex is thought to be much discontented, and it is muttered at Court that he and the Queen have threatened the other's head . without doubt all kindness is forgotten between them My Lord of Southampton is not commanded to return but only to leave his office of General of the horsemen by reason of a quarrel becween him and Lord Grey This Lord having the command of a company of horse adventured on a piece of service against the will of his General, who complained to the Earl of Essex My Lord, for example's sale, committed Lord Grey to the Marshal's ward for some few hours, and hence a great quarrel arose, and some say that they have fought and one is killed, but it is not known which or either It is doubted whether the Earl of Southampton will leave his pkce, though commanded upon his allegiance ; and if he would, whether my

Lord of Essex would suffer it, as being contrary to his patent.
All the money is gone for Ireland and yet does not suffice * all diligence is used to get more in time to prevent mutiny among the soldiers to which they have already shown themselves prone.

There is much private talk in Court and City about a Scottish accident. An Englishman named Ashfield or Ashton, having been employed by the Scottish King, as is thought, secretly in Spain, Rome and other places, some here in authority, wishing to understand the particulars and finding no other means,